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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SMU to develop new law school**

The Singapore Management University (SMU) is honoured to be given the opportunity to develop a new law school in Singapore. As Singapore's first autonomous university, SMU looks forward to extend its unique educational approach to its new School of Law.

"It is remarkable that within a short span of five years, SMU has not only built a strong name with our students but within the community at large. Our focus on delivering our unique pedagogy together with distinguished teaching and outstanding research by our faculty once again has drawn us to the fore. We are excited to have the opportunity to start a new law school. We will leverage on our existing strengths and the SMU brand of education to offer a programme that will add to the diversity of Singapore's legal education landscape," said Professor Howard Hunter, President of SMU.

Currently, SMU has a Law Department within its Lee Kong Chian School of Business, which offers law modules for students pursuing Business degrees. Inaugurated in July 2001, the Law Department offers a wide array of courses including Business Law; Company Law; Intellectual Property Law; Information Technology and the Law; Law and International Business; Financial Law and Regulation; Law of Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and Privacy; Life Sciences, Genetic Engineering and the Law; and a course in Ethics and Social Responsibility. With faculty members holding postgraduate degrees and doctorates from renowned universities worldwide, the SMU's Law Department is well recognised for its impressive publications record in leading law journals locally and abroad.

The SMU School of Law aims to welcome its first cohort in the Academic Year starting August 2007. SMU, the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Law, the Attorney-General's Chambers and other relevant agencies will be working together on the establishment of the new law school.